(b) Government of India has set up in May, 2007 the "Expert Committee on Impacts of Climate Change" under the Chairmanship of Dr. R. Chidambaram, Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India to study the impacts of anthropogenic climate change on India and to identify the measures that we may have to take in the future in relation to addressing vulnerability to anthropogenic climate change impact. Subsequently, a Council on Climate Change chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister has also been set up in June, 2007. The Council, in its meeting held in July, 2007, has initiated action on deliberations for drafting a detailed Action Plan.

Criteria for BPL/AAY

1305. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the criteria adopted to identify BPL/AAY is uniform in rural and urban areas in all the States;

(b) if so, the details of parameters/methodology and do they differ from Antodaya;

(c) the percentage number of BPL and AAY in India/States, rural/urban break-up;

(d) what is the cut-off score for BPL in different States;

(e) whether it is compulsory that total number of persons identified in the State/UT should not exceed the number of BPL persons in that State, as estimated by the Planning Commission; and

(f) if so, whether it would result in injustice/discrepancy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) to (f) Identification of BPL families is done by the State/UT Governments keeping in view the poverty estimates of Planning Commission, the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Rural Development for identification of BPL families in rural areas and the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Urban Poverty Alleviations for identification of BPL families in urban areas.

In respect of the Targeted Public Distribution System, the poverty estimates of Planning Commission for the year 1993-94 are projected on the population projections of Registrar General of Census on March 01, 2000. As per this, the number of total BPL families in the country has been worked out as 6.52 crores. Out of 6.52 crores BPL families, 2.50 crores families were estimated to be of AAY category which are the poorest among the poor.

The figures of Targeted BPL families State-wise/UT wise have been conveyed to the State/UT Governments. However, some State Governments have issued more ration cards to BPL families than the number of BPL families accepted by the Government of India. Foodgrains are allocated to the Targeted number of families based on the above estimates or the number of ration cards issued to the BPL/AAY families whichever is less. The position of BPL and AAY is given in the Statement.

Statement

Status of identification of Households under AAY (As on 30.06.2007)

(Figure in lakh)

Sl. No.	State/Union Territory	BPL families as on 1.3.2000		Total Estimated AAY families		Total AAY families identified & RC issued	
		Number	%age	Number	%age	Number	%age
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Andhra Pradesh	40.63	6.23	15.578	6.23	15.578	6.51
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0.99	0.15	0.380	0.15	0.380	0.16
3	Assam	18.36	2.82	7.040	2.82	7.040	2.94
4	Bihar	65.23	10.00	25.010	10.00	24.285	10.15
5	Chhattisgarh	18.75	2.88	7.189	2.88	7.189	3.01
6	Delhi	4.09	0.63	1.568	0.63	0.555	0.23
7	Goa	0.48	0.07	0.184	0.07	0.145	0.06
8	Gujarat	21.2	3.25	8.128	3.25	8.098	3.39
9	Haryana	7.89	1.21	3.025	1.21	2.924	1.22
10	Himachal Pradesh	5.14	0.79	1.971	0.79	1.971	0.82
11	Jammu & Kashmir	7.36	1.13	2.822	1.13	2.557	1.07
12	Jharkhand	23.94	3.67	9.179	3.67	7.268	3.04
13	Karnataka	31.29	4.80	11.997	4.80	11.997	5.01
14	Kerala	15.54	2.38	5.958	2.38	5.958	2.49
15	Madhya Pradesh	41.25	6.33	15.816	6.33	15.816	6.61

16	Maharashtra	65.34	10.02	25.053	10.02	24.100	10.07
17	Manipur	1.66	0.25	0.636	0.25	0.504	0.21
18	Meghalaya	1.83	0.28	0.702	0.28	0.702	0.29
19	Mizoram	0.68	0.10	0.261	0.10	0.261	0.11
20	Nagaland	1.24	0.19	0.475	0.19	0.475	0.20
21	Orissa	32.98	5.06	12.645	5.06	12.645	5.29
22	Punjab	4.68	0.72	1.794	0.72	1.794	0.75
23	Rajasthan	24.31	3.73	9.321	3.73	9.321	3.90
24	Sikkim	0.43	0.07	0.165	0.07	0.165	0.07
25	Tamil Nadu	48.63	7.46	18.646	7.46	18.646	7.79
26	Tripura	2.95	0.45	1.131	0.45	1.131	0.47
27	Uttar Pradesh	106.79	16.38	40.945	16.38	40.945	17.12
28	Uttarakhand	4.98	0.76	1.909	0.76	1.512	0.63
29	West Bengal	51.79	7.94	19.857	7.94	14.799	6.19
30	A & N Island	0.28	0.04	0.107	0.04	0.043	0.02
31	Chandigarh	0.23	0.04	0.088	0.04	0.021	0.01
32	D & N Haveli	0.18	0.03	0.069	0.03	0.052	0.02
33	Daman & Diu	0.04	0.01	0.015	0.01	0.015	0.01
34	Lakshadweep	0.03	0.00	0.012	0.00	0.012	0.01
35	Pondicherry	0.84	0.13	0.322	0.13	0.322	0.13
	TOTAL:	652.03	100.0	249.998	100.0	239.226	100.0

Source: Department of Food and Public Distribution